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DIRECTORS' MEETING, COPENHAGEN, JANUARY 10-11: CYPRUS

1. UNDER "OTHER BUSINESS", THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE DISCUSSED CYPRUS. IN GIVING HIS READ OUT, MFA EC PRESIDENCY OFFICER BOJER EXPRESSED HIS GRATITUDE FOR THE HELPFUL INPUT FROM THE US ON THIS NON-AGENDA ITEM GLEENED FROM THE SUBSTANCE OF CABLES THIS EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED AND PASSED TO THE DANES. BOJER SAID THAT THIS ISSUE WAS AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF THE CROSS-OVER BETWEEN THE EC POLITICAL CONSULTATION PROCESS AND THE COMMUNITY MATTERS ADDRESSED IN BRUSSELS.

2. THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE HAS ADVISED THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN BRUSSELS, IN ANTICIPATION OF TOMORROW'S COREPER MEETING, TO TAKE A BROADER VIEW OF THE SPECIFIC ECONOMIC AND AGRICULTURAL QUESTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN POSED BY THE CYPRIOTS. THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE HAS ASKED THAT THOSE INVOLVED IN THE FORTHCOMING COREPER
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AND COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS GIVE FULL WEIGHT TO THE CONTRIBUTIONS THAT ECONOMIC PROSPERITY CAN MAKE TO THE WILLINGNESS OF THE TWO COMMITTEES TO AGREE TO POLITICAL CONCESSIONS. FOR EXAMPLE, BOJER SAID, THE GREEK CYPRIOTS COULD MORE EASILY ACCEPT SOMETHING LIKE THE EXISTING DE FACTO COMMUNITY BOUNDARIES ON THE ISLAND IF THEY WERE OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THEIR ECONOMIC FUTURE.

3. THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE CONCLUDED THAT IF THE NINE ARE TO
HAVE INFLUENCE WITH THE CYPRIOTS IN ENCOURAGING A SETTLEMENT,
THE EC MUST PRESENT AN IMAGE OF UNDERSTANDING AND GENEROSITY AS
DISPLAYED IN ITS WILLINGNESS TO MAKE ECONOMIC CONCESSIONS.
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